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1. DEPT HAS REVIEWED BOTH BEQ AND DEPENDENT HOUSING PROPOSALS FOR OKINAWA REVERSION RELATED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT MISAWA AB (REFTELS). EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONFER WITH COMUSJ AND/OR COMMENT FURTHER BEFORE PRESENTING FOLLOWING PROPOSALS, WHICH INCORPORATE DOD POSITION SET FORTH REF A, TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. GOJ LONG RANGE VIEW RE BUILDING REHABILITATION VS NEW CONSTRUCTION AS REPORTED IN EMBASSY MEMO DATED JUNE 15 (NOTAL) WAS MOST USEFUL IN EVALUATING GOJ READINESS TO ASSUME SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

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2. US ACCEPTS GOJ OFFER TO CONSTRUCT TEN NEW BEQ'S AS REPLACEMENT FOR TEN BEQ-S WHICH ARE NOT CONSIDERED UNECONOMICAL TO REHAB OR AS PRESENTING DIFFICULTIES UNDER SOFA ARTICLE XXIV. ACCEPTANCE IS PREMISED ON GOJ ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT NEW CONSTRUCTION WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EQUAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL AND WILL MEET CURRENT US BEQ STANDARDS. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO SEEK GOJ COMMITMENT TO USE JFY 73 FUNDS, TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OPERATIONAL PROJECTS. AF-M-7 (BEQ) AND REMAINING MISAWA PROJECTS SHOULD THEN BE FUNDED FROM JFY 74 FUNDS.

3. AS SET FORTH PARA 3 REF A, EMBASSY FALLBACK POSITION SHOULD BE TO SEEK AT LEAST PARTIAL CONSTRUCTION OF TEN BEQ PACKAGE AND OPERATIONAL PROJECTS PARA 2 ABOVE WITH CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FUNDS WITH CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT REMAINDER OF BEQ PACKAGE, PLUS AF-M-7, AND ALL OTHER MISAWA PROJECTS WILL BE FUNDED IN JFY 74.

4. RE MISAWA HOUSING, EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO RAISE WITH GOJ NEED FOR ADDITIONAL UNITS DISCUSSED REF E. 207 UNIT FIGURE SHOULD BE PRESENTED FOR GOJ CONSIDERATION ON BASIS OF RECENTLY COMPLETED SURVEY OF P-3-RELATED HOUSING REQUIREMENTS WHICH, IN OUR JUDGEMENT, FALLS WITHIN SCOPE OF ORIGINAL AGREEMENT. AS INDICATED PARA 4 REF E, TOTAL OF 192 UNITS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM. HOWEVER, DESPITE EMBASSY'S EARLIER ASSESSMENT WE BELIEVE EFFORT OBTAIN ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS JUSTIFIED AT THIS TIME IN LIGHT OF SURVEY RESULTS.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD AGAIN EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATED COMPLETION OF HOUSING AND OPERATIONAL PROJECTS AT MISAWA, AND ELSEWHERE, TO PERMIT PROMPT AND EFFICIENT TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.

6. RE EMBASSY REQUEST PARA 5 REF C EMBASSY-COMUSJ SHOULD ESTABLISH COORDINATION PROCEDURE FOR JOINT

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REVIEW OF JFAP PROJECTS WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IN CATEGORY OF MINOR ALTERATIONS. REVIEW SHOULD BE NECESSARY IN ONLY SMALL NUMBER OF PROJECTS SINCE WE BELIEVE FAIRLY BROAD DEFINITION OF MAINTENANCE, ALTERATION, REHABILITATION IS IN ORDER AND GOJ IS FREE TO RAISE OBJECTION AT ANY TIME. MOREOVER, IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN OUR INTEREST TO ESTABLISH AS LIBERAL AN INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE XXIV AS POSSIBLE

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